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KENNEDY CELEBRATES HELP COMMITTEE PASSAGE OF FDA TOBACCO REGULATIONS

Committee Reports Bill with a vote of 13-8

WASHINGTON, DC< Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to the passage by the HELP Committee of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.

"Today, we put children back on the national agenda. The bipartisan legislation will save millions of lives and save others from a lifetime of addiction and certain death. The tobacco industry has been allowed to mislead consumers, to make false health claims, to conceal the lethal contents of their products, to make their products even more addictive, and worst of all – to seduce generations of children into a lifetime of addiction and early death. Enacting this bill this year is the right thing to do for America's children. They are depending on us. By passing this legislation, we can help them live longer, healthier lives."

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